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TO

Amend the Law relating to Small Penalties in Ireland.

A.D. 1873.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to small penalties in Ireland :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and 5 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Small Penalties (Ireland) Act, 1873." Short title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of September 10 one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three. Commencement of Act.

3. The word "penalty" in this Act shall include any sum of money recoverable in a summary manner. Definition of "penalty."

4. Where upon summary conviction any offender may be adjudged to pay a penalty not exceeding five pounds, such offender, in case 15 of non payment thereof, may, without any warrant of distress, be committed to prison for any term not exceeding the period specified in the following scale, unless the penalty shall be sooner paid :

		The imprisonment not to exceed—
20	For any penalty—	
	Not exceeding ten shillings	Seven days.
	Exceeding ten shillings and not exceeding one pound	Fourteen days.
	Exceeding one pound but not exceeding two pounds	One month.
25	Exceeding two pounds but not exceeding five pounds	Two months.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the power of imposing hard labour in addition to imprisonment in cases where Saving as to
hard labour.

[Bill 239.]

A.D. 1873. — hard labour might, on nonpayment of the penalty, have been so imposed if this Act had not passed.

*Application
of Act.*

6. This Act shall apply to penalties, including costs, recoverable in a summary manner in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, whether passed before or after the commencement of this Act; and all provisions of any Act of Parliament authorising, in the case of nonpayment of a penalty not exceeding five pounds, a longer term of imprisonment than is provided by this Act, shall be repealed.

*Extent of
Act.*

7. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

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*(Prepared and brought in by
The Minister of Home Affairs and
Mr. Secretary Howe.)*

*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
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